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U.S. Rep. Ben Ray Lujan, D-N.M., was in Las Vegas Sunday to participate in a Christmas gift distribution at the Plaza Hotel, followed by a discussion on job creation and economic development at Kennedy Hall.

Lujan thanked Plaza's Troy Denison, Las Vegas Motorcycle Rally members and Big Brothers-Big Sisters for their contributions to the children of Las Vegas as they handed out more than $3,600 in gifts to kids. The money came from the auction of Christmas trees.

As a member of the House Democratic caucus' Jobs Task Force, Lujan turned his attention to the economy and local job creation. He talked about a number of recovery programs for San Miguel County.

Lujan said the almost $3 million that went to both Las Vegas school districts helped keep teachers employed and children learning.

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